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Providing the spirit of peace...

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The Mesa Arizona Temple known for its strong, symmetrical design, also incorporates several symbolic elements, such as the three and a half foot high carvings along the exterior wall symbolizing the gathering of the Lord's people.

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

As he assumes his new calling as president of the Mesa Arizona Temple, Ezra Thompson "Tom" Clark, Jr., expresses his hope that Arizona Latter-day Saints will have a strong desire to attend the temple.

President Heber J. Grant expressed that same desire in 1927 when he offered the temple's dedicatory prayer, saying, "May Thy peace ever abide in this holy building, that all who come here may partake of the spirit of peace and of the sweet and heavenly influence that Thy Saints have experienced in other temples."

Plans for constructing a temple in Mesa began at least 15 years prior to the dedication but the outbreak of World War I stalled the planning until 1918 when the war ended. Fundraising for the temple began the following year and Church members worldwide were encouraged to donate.

In 1923, construction began. Located in the center of a 20-acre plot, the Temple is over 72,000 square feet and has 193 rooms. Its foundation is 12.5 feet thick and the exterior walls are nearly 4 feet thick, built with crushed rock from the Tempe Butte Quarry. The 55-foot-high exterior is covered with glistening white glazed terra cotta tile.

Speaking of its construction, F.T. Pomeroy said, "It was built….as a veritable rock of ages, almost as perfect as if cleft by the hand of God."

A December 1977 Ensign article described the Temple as having "a strongly symmetrical design, the horizontal lines of which (echo).the desert horizon. That design, at least in part symbolized our progress through mortality toward our eternal goal."

Also symbolic are the three and a half foot high carvings along the exterior wall which represent the gathering of the Lord's people from the four corners of the earth.

Interestingly, in keeping with the spirit of gathering, and to meet the needs of the Spanish-speaking patrons, Mesa was the first temple to present the entire temple session in a language other than English.

In 1975, after renovation and the addition of a one-story annex, the Mesa Temple was the first in the Church to be rededicated. President Spencer W. Kimball rededicated the Temple on April 15, 1975.

Today, President Clark encourages members to attend the temple and, there, claim the blessings President Grant prayed for nearly 80 years ago, saying: "And may the people who dwell here be blessed and prospered of thee in righteousness."

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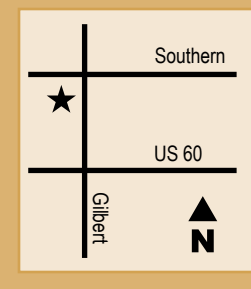

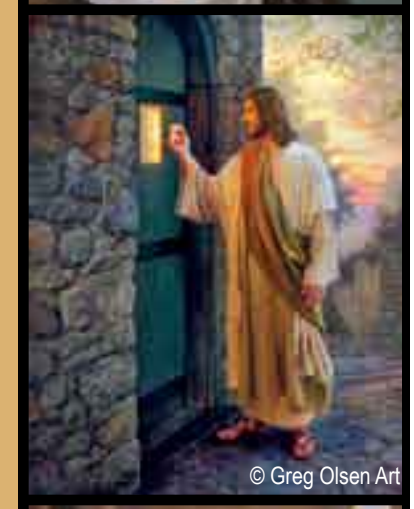

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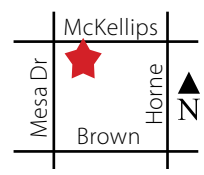

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MUSIC serves as a source of HEALING for Arizona singer

For Linda Ann Jaussi, music is a profession, but it's also a means for serving others and a boon to her own soul.

Photo by Krista Kennedey

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Linda Ann Jaussi says she was prepped before she was born for her current vocation.

"Before I was born, my mother listened to classical music every day," Linda says. "It seems to be that my calling in life is music."

Linda, who is a member of the Thunderbird Ward in the Paradise Stake, was the second of nine children, all of whom played piano and at least one other instrument.

In her school band, Linda often played as a soloist and usually sat first chair.

"I'd write music without a keyboard. I would notate things out, then would get to a piano and see if it sounded like I imagined," Linda shares.

At 15, Linda captured her teacher's attention when she sat down at the piano in the band room one day and played something she'd written. "That's when I first realized that I was fairly good," Linda says.

Her beautiful, clear soprano voice also drew attention. In 1977, she was the finest high school soprano in Idaho and was named all-state section leader.

She polished her talent, studying under well-known musicians in Idaho and Utah, then pursued vocal studies at Utah State University under Michael Balaam's program.

Still, it wasn't until her life took a dramatic turn that Linda began to understand music's power.

Linda explains, "After being in an abusive marriage, it took a tremendous effort to even be able to walk, talk or socially interact with people again."

At one of her lowest points, "I felt prompted to sing. I was able to get up and function because I was able to sing."

In addition to being a source of healing, music has been a tool Sister Jaussi has used to serve and uplift others.

Sister Jaussi works as the director of the Anthem Youth Opera and Head of Operations for Arizona Music School. Her talent finds its way into her Church service as well, as she plays piano for the Spanish branch in the Paradise Valley Stake, and directs their choir.

"God hasn't given me a ton of everything, but I do have a voice and I have music in my soul," she says.

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Citrus Valley Playhouse announces stage shows and upcoming radio specials

After two successful shows last year and being voted Best Original Work in 2006 by the East Valley Tribune's *Get Out Magazine*, Citrus Valley Playhouse is back with two all-new stage productions, one in December and one in March, 2007. Citrus Valley Playhouse also can be heard on several upcoming radio specials.

Citrus Valley Playhouse brings Arizona history and trivia, couched in old-time radio-style entertainment to the stage, thanks to creator and host, Brian Nissen, whose previous works include screenwriter for Living Scriptures and for the animated "Swan Princess." Brian and his partner, Mark Arnett, also performed their children's show, "The King of Pumpkinville," for Mesa 4th graders last year.

To see what Citrus Valley Playhouse is all about, you can view a short video clip at www.citrusvalley.org.

The next stage show, "Frankinsence, Goldwater, and Myrrh," is December 1 and 2 at the Mesa Arts Center. Tickets are available through the box office at (480)644-6500 or online at www.mesaartscenter.com or www.citrusvalley.org. Ticket prices are $22 or both shows (the winter and the spring, "Arpaiopalooza!") for $40

To hear Citrus Valley Playhouse on the radio tune in to KJZZ 91.5FM on December 16 at 1 p.m., December 17 at 3 p.m; on February 17 at 1 p.m. or February 18 at 3 p.m.

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"Blessed, Blessed Ones," is a compilation of 11 of Linda's songs. Linda recently performed "Blessed Are Those Who Seek To Bring Forth Zion" in the USA World Showcase at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, which aired on PAX TV in August.

She says the piece is an LDS religious piece. "It is classical, an aria; hardly what you would expect to hear in Las Vegas," and very different than other songs in the competition. Yet, Linda was awarded an honorable mention.

"It was a tremendous, wonderful experience," Linda says.

Linda is recording a CD and has three other books of music planned. She is available for firesides "about music and how it uplifts." For information about firesides or to obtain Linda's book, "Blessed, Blessed Ones," contact Linda by emailing lhansen6@cox.net.

Jon Schmidt to perform Christmas concerts

Jon Schmidt makes a Christmas concert a unique event for all ages as he uses the piano not only as a instrument to evoke beautiful music, but also as a sidekick to entertain and delight audiences as he plays the keys with his head, toes, elbows, and nose. Jon even sits on the keys to play, and has been known to demonstrate an elbow-cracking trick, an invisible ball game, and a back flip off the piano bench.

With the fun, family-oriented entertainment also comes a musician who creates what one fan calls a "fantastic, beautifully articulated musical experience, far beyond your expectations."

For his Christmas concert, Jon will play traditional favorites as well as some of his new arrangements.

Jon will bring his Christmas show to Arizona, performing at Gilbert's Highland High School Auditorium (4301 E. Guadalupe) Thursday, December 21 at 7 p.m. and in Show Low at the Show Low High School auditorium December 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Reserved tickets for the Gilbert event are $10 and $14 and can be purchased at: www.ticketleap.com.

To learn more about Jon, listen to his music, and even download mp3 songs, visit www.jonschmidt.com.

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"Beat the Bishop" challenge promotes fitness preparedness

The 6th Annual "Beat the Bishop" Fun Run started in the Freestone Park Ward, where Paul Ward was the "bishop to beat" in the event designed to promote what Bishop Ward calls "fitness preparedness."

"This is our sixth year and it has now evolved into a 'quasi' stake event, with at least three bishops joining in and President (John) Lewis, who actually often does beat the bishop, running as well," says Bishop Ward.

He adds, "I usually don't win, of course, as we have a former collegiate cross country runner in our stake and a 4:30 miler in my ward. In fact, my biggest dual last year was with an 11-year old Scout. We tied."

Bishop Ward says anyone interested in participating is welcome. In fact, he says, "Invite your bishop, and beat him!"

This year's event will be on New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, 2007, and includes a 5k run starting at 9 a.m and a one-mile walk/run starting at 9:30 a.m. The race begins and ends at the Val Vista building (230 N. Val Vista, which is between Juniper and Elliot) and is followed by a breakfast.

Bishop Ward says families and individuals of all ages are encouraged to participate.

Mesa Arizona Stake to celebrate 60th anniversary

The Mesa Arizona Stake will celebrate the 60th anniversary of its creation with a Grand Ball on December 1. The celebration will begin at 7 p.m. and will feature a reception line, a grand march, dancing to the music of the Big Bands, historical photographs, and refreshments. Anyone who has been or is currently a member of the Mesa Arizona Stake is invited to attend and to mingle with others who have lived in that area over the past 60 years. The December 1 event will be held at the Stake Center, which is located at 1050 South Hobson (near Mesa Drive and Southern in Mesa). For more information, contact David Christensen, Stake Clerk, by calling (480) 962-3906 or by e-mailing dhcczr@cox.net.

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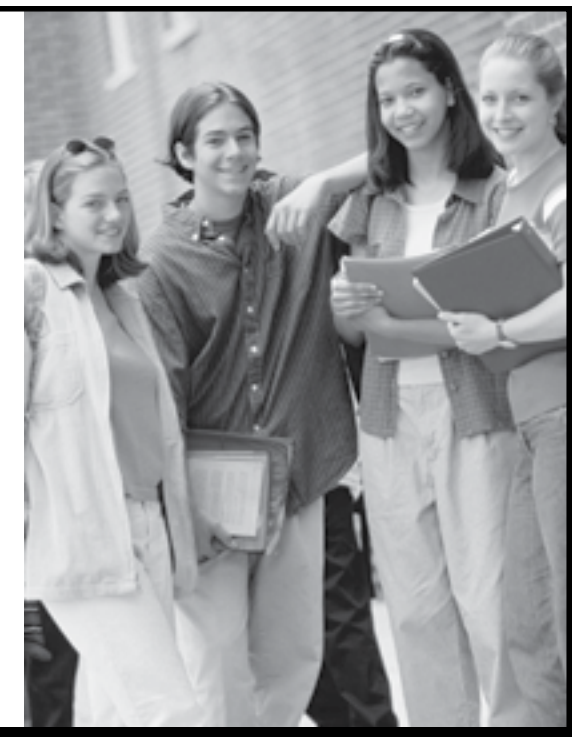

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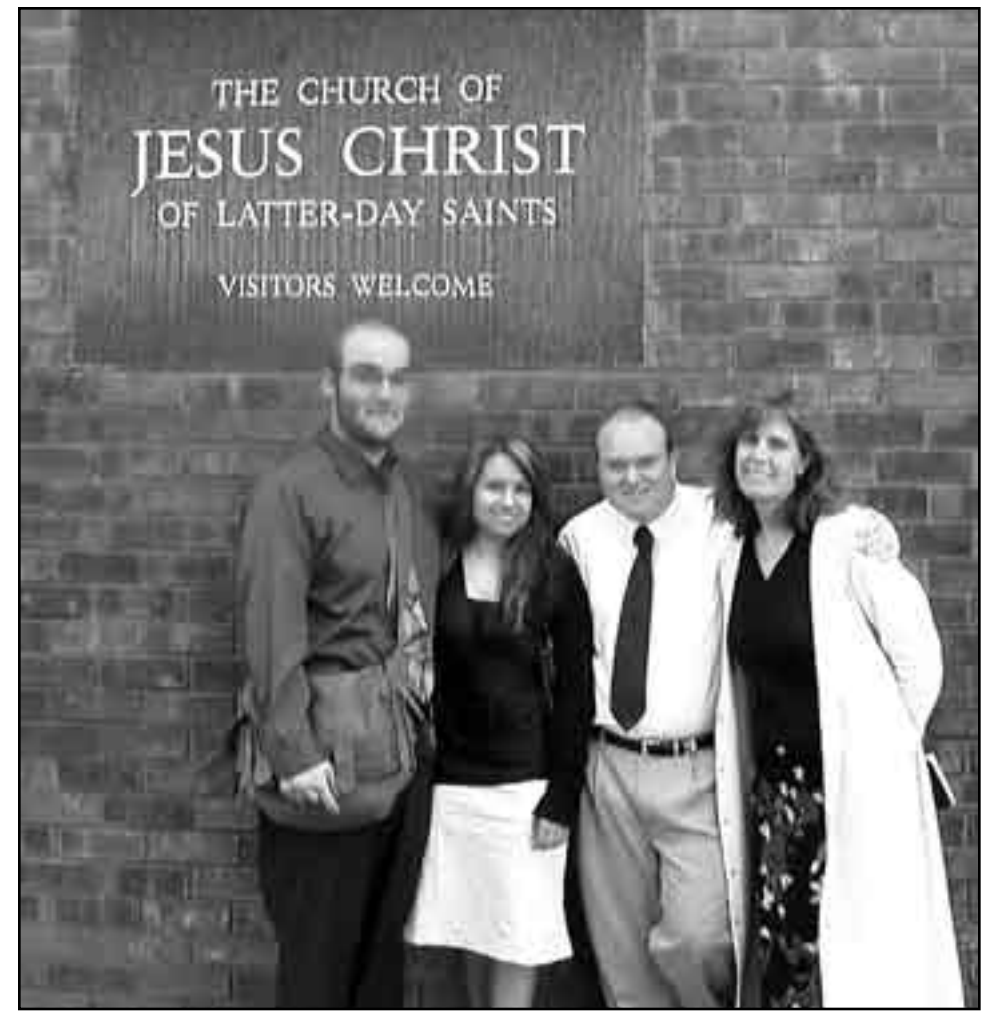

Photo courtesy of Pamela Bowman

LDS students (l to r) Heath McKinney, Jeniece Toranzo, Robby Brown, and Pamela Bowman, attend church at a branch in Zambia while participating as crew members on a project to shoot the first feature-length film produced in that country.

LDS students work on crew of first **Zambian film**

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Pamela Bowman, a Latter-day Saint mother of four, recently left the familiar surroundings of her Mesa home to travel to Africa as an associate producer of a full-length dramatic narrative to be filmed in Zambia.

Pamela, a member of the Harmony Park Ward, Mesa Kimball Stake, was one of four LDS students from Mesa Community College on the 18-member crew for the narrative, "Bad Timing," as well as a documentary, "Voice of an African Nation."

Heath McKinney, of the Gable Ward, Mesa South Stake, was the documentary gaffer; and Robby Brown was the cinematographer for the documentary. Jeneice Toranzo, of the Lexington Ward, Highland Stake, did hair and

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make-up for the feature.

The program director of the media arts program at MCC, Cynthia Greening, directed the documentary and was executive producer of "Bad Timing," a contemporary story set in Zambia. Greening enlisted support from the college, which committed more than $35,000 in funds and film production equipment through a project grant.

Greening also involved her students, including Pamela.

"This is a unique opportunity for anyone, but exceptional for students from a junior college," says Sister Bowman.

Pamela saw the experience as a way to expand her talents and learn how to make film, but she also relished the idea of getting to know different people and a different culture.

"About a year ago, President Hinckley told us that we need to get out and be missionaries, to get out of our little circles," Sister Bowman says. While she grew up around many who were not members of the Church, "That's all I know now," she says. "How am I supposed to be a missionary if I don't know very many people who aren't members?"

Pamela's husband, Christopher, encouraged her to jump at the opportunity. Still, Pamela says, she was somewhat nervous as she prepared to leave.

Her oldest two children are out of the home, one serving a mission in Chile. Her oldest daughter, Wisteria, is a senior at Mesa High School. It was leaving her youngest, Cierajo, who is 11, that caused Pamela's concern.

Yet things fell into place in an interesting way, Pamela says.

"[My son's] mission president called to say he needed to come home and have knee surgery. He arrived back home on August 3. I took him to the doctor on August 5, then left for Africa on August 6. He had surgery August 8." He convalesced in their Mesa home while Pamela was in Africa.

"It was such a blessing he was here and I didn't have to worry about the crossroads," Sister Bowman says, adding that her son went back to Chile two weeks after she returned from Africa.

Touched with much of what she saw in Zambia, perhaps most impressive was associating with members of the Church while attending the Zambian Branch.

"There are really sweet people there. They are so dedicated and are trying so hard," she says. "They're just amazing, amazing people."

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More than 150 years since the pioneers entered the Great Salt Lake Valley, their trek west, as well as the legacy they left, continues to be honored by an international nonprofit organization known as the International Society Daughters of the Utah Pioneers (DUP), with more than 8,000 members worldwide.

Photo by Gina Harrop

Arizona units of the International Society Daughters of Utah Pioneers meet in monthly meetings and host annual events, such as the convention planned for February 2007 by the Maricopa East Company, led by board members (l to r) Melba Miskin, treasurer; Donna Brimley, parliamentarian; Peggy Throckmorton, historian; Lynne White, first vice president; Marlene Omerza, president; Deneen Rogers, second vice president; Gayle Pace, registrar; Lynette Miles, chaplain; and Karen Thronton, chorister.

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The International Society Daughters of the Utah Pioneers (DUP) is particularly active in Arizona.

Local DUP chapters are known as "camps," and camps form "companies." In Arizona, the Maricopa East Company has 12 active camps with a total of nearly 300 members. Another active company, the Maricopa West Company, meets in the west valley; and the Navajo, Pima and Yavapai companies cover other areas of the state.

Companies host annual events and camps hold monthly meetings September through May, where the focus is "dedicated to perpetuating the names and achievements of those pioneer men, women and children who founded the Utah Territory."

DUP literature states other goals and services range from the preservation of historic landmarks to the education of thousands of school children and other citizens about their pioneer forbears.

"The objective is to keep the pioneer spirit alive and well and continue research," says Lynne White, a member of the Desert Sage Camp who serves on the Maricopa East Company Board.

DUP defines "pioneer" as "an ancestor who came to the Utah Territory/State of Deseret; died crossing the plains; or was born in the Utah Territory/State of Deseret before May 10, 1869, the coming of the railroad."

Since the State of Deseret took in a large area, including what is now Utah, Nevada, parts of Arizona, Colorado, California, Idaho, New Mexico, and even into Oregon and Canada, Sister White says many pioneer descendants are scattered across the Western states.

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She explains that while official DUP membership requires being a "lineal or legally adopted descendant of a pioneer," others are welcome to participate as associates.

"Interest is the only criteria," Sister White says. "Some don't have pioneer lineage, but just enjoy the study of the pioneer trek and the Utah Territory."

The international organization provides lesson materials for the monthly meetings. They also host a Web site at www.dupinternational.org and maintain the Pioneer Museum in Salt Lake City.

The DUP History Department collects and preserves pioneer histories and currently has approximately 100,000 on file. The society also provides a visual link to the pioneers, by housing and maintaining a photographic collection. They encourage donations of photographs to either be stored in the museum "with archival quality protection" or scanned and the originals returned to the owners.

Indexes of the histories and photos along with information for obtaining copies is available on the Web site.

"There is a wonderful spirit that exists with pursuit of preserving and honoring that era, whether or not you have pioneer ancestors," Sister White says.

The Maricopa East Company, whose 2006-2007 theme is "In Unity There is Strength," will hold its annual company convention February 26, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. at the LDS meetinghouse at 1455 N. Harris in Mesa. The event will feature speakers from the international board, followed by a luncheon.

The annual Jubilee Picnic at Pioneer Park is scheduled for April 23, 2007.

The company is also gathering information about pioneers who settled in Arizona.

For details about the local DUP organization and upcoming events, contact Marlene Omerza at momerza@cox.net or 480-964-6740; Lynne White at lgwhite@cox.net or 480-835-5958; or Peggy Throckmorton at peggythrockmorton@hotmail.com or 480-649-7556.

The National Society of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers also has local units in Arizona. For information, visit the Web site at www.sonsofutahpioneers.org or call Lowell Heaton at 480-814-8246.

"The Forgotten Carols" celebrates its 15th anniversary with Phoenix performances

Over the past 15 years, the musical production *The Forgotten Carols* has become a holiday tradition for thousands of people and families. Now, as part of its 15th anniversary tour, *The Forgotten Carols* is coming to Phoenix this December.

Written by and starring Michael McLean, *The Forgotten Carols* tells the story of a young nurse who is too practical to be bothered by Christmas. Yet, when one of her patients introduces her to the untold carols of some of the "forgotten" characters in the Christmas story, the young nurse begins to find friendship and has her heart warmed by the Christmas songs.

After beginning the tour in Seattle, McLean and troupe will travel through Idaho, Utah and Nevada. The caroling entourage will finish in Phoenix at The Orpheum theater on December 20 and 21.

The Forgotten Carols is a full-scale musical production that touches all ages with its inspiring holiday message.

Tickets for *The Forgotten Carols* are $12, $16, and $19, with a 10 percent discount for groups of 20 or more. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased through www.ticketmaster.com or by calling The Orpheum ticket office at (602) 262-7272.

Spire Music to present holiday concert December 12

Spire Music will present a festive holiday concert with favorite Christmas songs and new arrangements of traditional Christmas carols by composer Rob Gardner.

The Spire Music First Annual Christmas Concert will feature the 160-member Spire Chorus, a full orchestra, along with a special performance by the a capella group Two Five Nine and soloists Jenee Prince, Linsey Maxson, Jordan Bluth and Jere Van Patten.

Rob Gardner, a native of Mesa, is the composer of "Joseph Smith the Prophet," "He is Jesus Christ," and "Saints & Pioneers," which premiered in Arizona this fall.

The Spire Music Christmas concert will be one night only, Tuesday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mesa Arts Center's Ikeda Theatre at 1 East Main Street (southeast corner of Main and Center in Mesa). Tickets are $10 and are available through the Mesa Arts Center ticket office at www.mesaartscenter.com or by calling 480-644-6500. Visit www.spiremusic.org for details and further announcements.

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LDS counselors unite for common goals

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

The Association of Mormon Counselors and Psychologists (AMCAP) looks forward to an even greater presence in Arizona and continuing to serve as a resource for Church members and leaders.

"The organization provides support to LDS counselors who have a common bond of interest of adhering to the principles and standards of the Church," says C. Everett Bailey, PhD, AMCAP Area Coordinator.

Brother Bailey says the local organization was not really functioning when he first came to the Valley four years ago to join a group practice. Yet, he and others have worked to rejuvenate it, and the organization looks forward to continued opportunities to expand and serve.

Brother Bailey, who has undergraduate and master's degree from BYU and a doctorate in Marriage and Family Therapy from Purdue University, says the national organization holds semi-annual conferences and, on a local level, the group tries to meet at least twice a year as well, to educate one another and "provide clinically sound practices and offer support and fellowship."

He says that through networking together, LDS counselors can be a resource to one another and to bishops and local Church leaders.

Brother Bailey says if a counselor has a case that is beyond his or her expertise or experience, it helps to turn to AMCAP to have "like-minded" counselors to use as referrals.

Similarly, he says, AMCAP can "be a resource to bishops and local church leaders in terms of providing referrals that are close to geographically and competent in the area in which a member needs counseling."

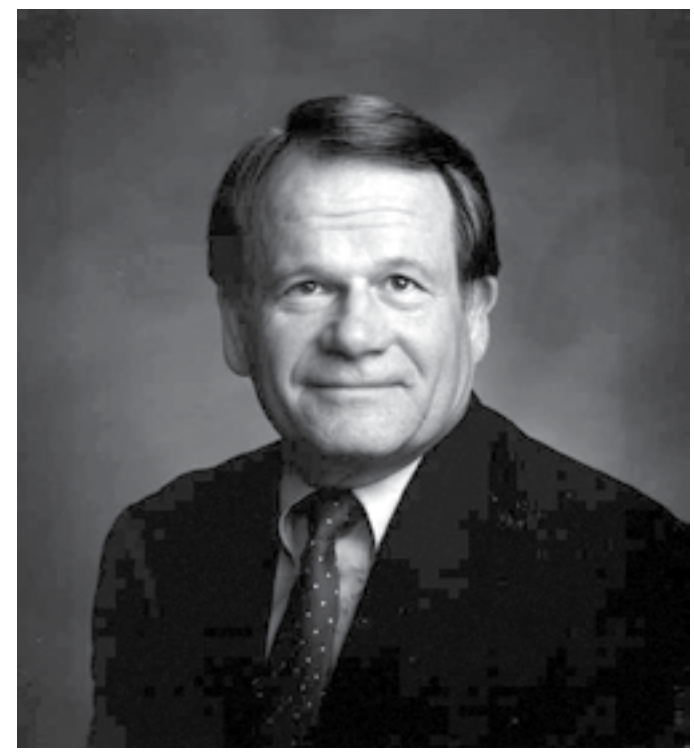
Photo provided by Douglas E. Brinley

Douglas E. Brinley, BYU professor and author of many books and tapes on strengthening marriages and families, will be the keynote speaker at a January conference sponsored by the Phoenix AMCAP chapter with the theme "Marriage: A solemn responsibility to love and care for each other."

"As LDS counselors, our approach may be a little different as we integrate our spiritual beliefs—not pushing those beliefs, but counseling in a way that is consistent with LDS beliefs," he explains.

Brother Bailey continues, "We may refer to scriptures or LDS teaching and discuss how changes they are seeking to make are part of their religious beliefs, so they don't see it as separate from their practice in the Church."

For example, he says, "We are pro-marriage and tend to do whatever is necessary to help keep families and marriages together, which is not always the case with non-LDS counselors."

"It's sad when members of the Church don't access resources available to them to help them change their lives and marriages in a positive way," he says, adding AMCAP members strive to "educate, strengthen and support members in their marriages and families."

With those goals in mind, the Phoenix chapter will hold a conference with the theme: "Marriage: A solemn responsibility to love and care for each other" on January 12 and 13, 2007, at the Red Mountain Community College Institute in Mesa. The free event will feature workshops and a keynote address by Doug Brinley, well-known author, BYU religion professor, and a member of the AMCAP national board. Brother Brinley's topic will be "Intimacy between Husband and Wife."

A partial list of AMCAP members in this area is available on www.ldscounselors.net. To join AMCAP or for questions about referrals or the upcoming conference, contact Brother Bailey at ceverettbailey@msn.com or by calling 602-629-5386.

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In September, the LDS Church dedicated the Sacramento California Temple. In October, the Helsinki, Finland Temple was dedicated; bringing the total to124 operating temple. Soon the Rexburg Idaho Temple will be completed. Other temples in various stages of construction are in Curitiba, Brazil; Draper, Utah; Panama City, Panama; and Twin Falls, Idaho.

The Church's official site for temple information, www.lds.org/temples, states the purpose of temples, noting that inside the temple "members learn more about the purpose of life and make covenants to serve Jesus Christ and their fellow man."

The site lists the temples geographically, chronologically, and alphabetically and notes milestones in each temple's history. It features color photos, schedules and guidelines for attendance (including whether clothing rental or cafeteria services are available, and whether you need to call for an appointment). The towns and cities within the temple district are listed and directions to the temples are also provided. This site gives notices of upcoming open houses, dedications, and new temples announced.

The Internet offers many other wonderful resources for teaching about temples or planning to visit one. Be forewarned, however, that a Web search for "LDS temple" can bring up sites with inappropriate and misleading information.

In addition to the Church's official site, I've found the following to be uplifting and in keeping with the sacredness of the House of the Lord:

LDS Church Temples, at www.ldschurchtemples.com, is a comprehensive site, featuring lists of temples that are operating, under construction or just announced. The site includes temple schedules, addresses, phone numbers, maps (including driving directions), histories of temple presidents, dedicatory prayers, visitors center information, interesting facts, and downloadable photos for your computer screen. I especially like the unique aerial photographs of temples. This site is frequently updated with temple news and construction photos.

At http://lds.about.com/od/temples is a clipart gallery, temple trivia quiz and a photo gallery with more than 100 photos of temples worldwide.

The "Temples to Dot the Earth" site has an interesting graphic depicting the fulfilling of that prophecy. The graphic uses dots to represent the temples throughout the world. This site also offers several nice photos of most temples. Visit www.geocities.com/rgpassey/temple/temple.htm.

More temple photos can be found at www.ldscalendar.com.

Darrel Chamberlain's beautiful photography, mostly of western U.S. temples, can be seen at www.darrel-chamberlain.com.

There is a gorgeous slideshow of photos of the Nauvoo Temple at www.cbgphotography.com/templeprintgallery.htm.

Mormon Temples, www.lightplanet.com/mormons/temples, has a great temple virtual tour using photos produced by the LDS Church for open house brochures or publications. The tour includes baptistries, endowment rooms, brides' rooms, sealing rooms, celestial rooms and waiting areas. This site's excellent collection of informative and appropriate material also includes articles about various aspects of the temple written by Church leaders or taken from the *Encyclopedia of Mormonism*.

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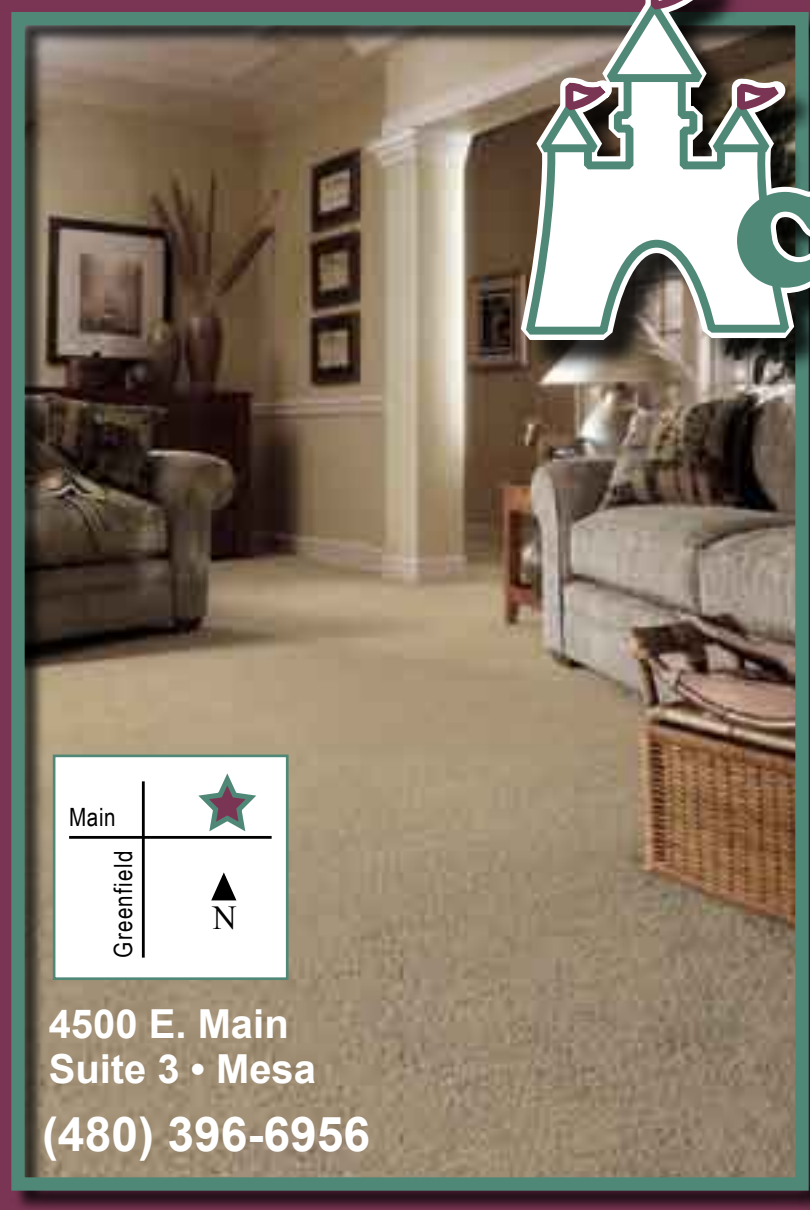

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Advantage Urgent Care in Mesa provides a welcome alternative to emergency medical care.

With a combined 40 years of experience in emergency medicine, Robert Laney, M.D.; Scott Bingham; D.O., and Lance Fisher, PA-C, were well aware of the long wait times, crowded conditions and high costs associated with emergency room visits.

"We wanted to be part of the solution to the problem," says Dr. Laney, a member of the Gilbert Stapley Stake. "The whole concept grew, in part, out of our frustration with emergency medicine."

With board certified health professionals and a highly qualified staff, Advantage Urgent Care "fills a niche of providing care for patients who don't necessarily need to go to the emergency room, but can't get in or have an injury or illnesses too complicated for a family doctor's office," he says

Dr. Bingham, a member of the Citrus Heights Stake, says, "We wanted to make a difference to the community, provide another avenue for patients. We are there to serve all members of the community with urgent, or what is known as 'episodic,' health care."

While individuals with chest pain or signs of stroke should call 9-1-1 or go to the emergency room, Advantage Health Care can treat broken bones, strains, sprains, lacerations, stomachaches, fevers, earaches, urinary tract infections and other "simple, common illnesses," Dr. Laney explains.

Advantage Urgent Care also does sports and mission physicals and occupational medicine physicals. They can provide asthma and emphysema treatments; can start IVs; take X-rays; and even have a lab and pharmacy onsite.

With a full range of services, patients get "good medical care at affordable prices—much less than an emergency department—in a pleasant, family-type atmosphere," says Dr. Laney.

Patients can feel confident because of the extensive experience they have in an acute care setting, but also because, "we have a high concern for patient satisfaction and care," says Lance Fisher.

"It's a clean, new, beautiful clinic with an ambiance where you feel safe, quiet and relaxed," says Dr. Bingham adding patients will notice the "speed with which you'll be treated, in and out in 30 to 40 minutes."

No appointment is necessary at Advantage Urgent Care and patients can even check in online at www.advantageurgentcare.com.

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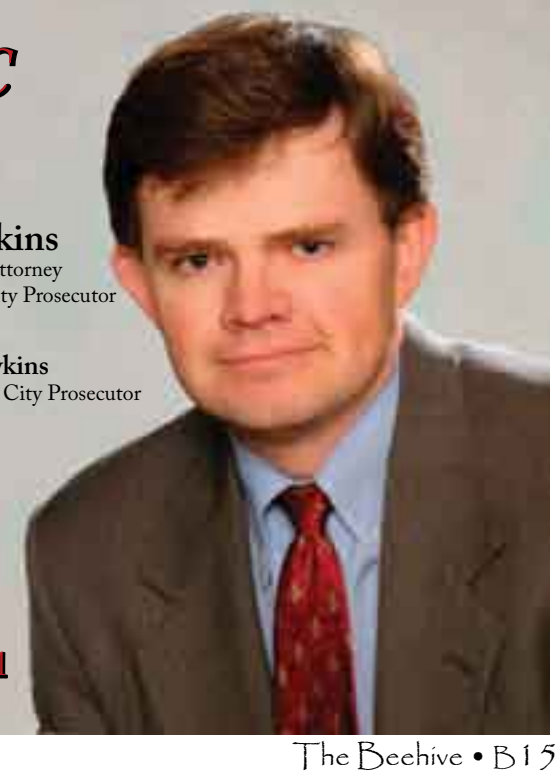

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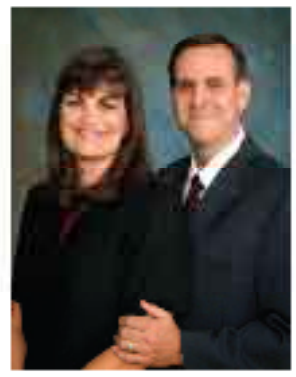

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By Rachel Faas Trim
The Beehive

"If you want to encourage kids to read, give them fun choices," says young adult author Janette Rallison, of the Chandler Stake's Riggs 1st Ward.

Her 11th book, *It's a Mall World After All*, published October 3, marks her fifth national market title for young adults. She has six previous "sweet romance" books to her credit, written for

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Arizona Author Writes for Teens
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teens and adults in the LDS market.

Her view on choices is contrary to a July 7 "Wall Street Journal" article, which criticized authors who write modern stories for today's teens. According to the article, teens should read classics or other literary-quality literature. Rallison was listed among several well-known authors who stray from the "classics format."

With a smile, Janette comments, "There is a reason why you never see kids fighting over *Ivanhoe*. I read the classics, too; but you can't force your kids to read what you like. Readers who choose for themselves are more likely to make time to read for enjoyment. Many teens today are looking for stories they identify with."

Taking the somewhat controversial article in stride, Janette says the article sparked opposition nationwide among teachers and librarians who promote reader choice. Janette believes providing clean, humorous and up-to-date stories not only helps teens, but is rewarding for her as well.

"I like to write uplifting books that my own kids can read," she explains. "There are not enough clean stories in the market, especially for young adults. I'm glad to be a part of the solution."

Always on the lookout for story possibilities, Janette admits that her own home offers numerous story ideas. Janette and her husband, Guy, are parents of five children, ages 4 to 19.

"My 19-year-old daughter, Asenath, is lovingly called the 'Golden Goose' at our house. She has sparked several golden ideas in my writing. When I was writing *It's a Mall World After All*, I used an actual text message sent to my daughter on her phone from her ex-boyfriend. When she showed me the message I knew that it had to be part of a scene in the book," Janette says. She adds, "Of course I don't use the real names of people I pattern characters after. Instead, I sometimes use the names my husband wouldn't agree to name our children."

It's a Mall World After All, one of Sister Rallison's trademark romantic comedies, tells how Charlotte tries to save her best friend from Bryant—Mr. Wrong—but finds things suddenly become complicated when she falls for Bryant's best friend.

Janette is a regular speaker at writing conferences and is a visiting author at schools. Fans often ask her why she likes to write. From her list of *Top 10 Reasons to be a Writer*, she shares her favorites:

"I have no time for cleaning. I can work in my pajamas, hang out with other cool writers, and remind myself that there are no bad days in life—just days that give me more material to write about."

Janette's 12th book, *How to take the Ex out of Ex-Boyfriend* will be released in May 2007. To learn more about Janette Rallison or to read her *Top10 Reasons to be a Writer*, visit www.janetterallison.com.

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From the Editor's Desktop

By Cecily Markland

I want to go to "My-tah"

Years ago, my children and I took a road trip from Arizona to Utah. We had planned to layover and spend a short time visiting with my family members who live in Las Vegas.

My mother's house, as usual, was the designated meeting place where we would all gather for a few hours before I would get back on the road. As my sisters arrived, all the cousins congregated in the playroom to get reacquainted and explore Nana's stash of toys.

Too soon it was time to break up the impromptu party and resume our travels.

Hearing me call to them, one of my children said, "Come on, we have to go to Utah." One of the younger ones picked up the refrain, chanting, "Utah, Utah, we get to go to Utah."

Moments later, my sister's young daughter was at her mother's side, with big tears welling up in her eyes.

Picking her up, my sister asked what was wrong.

"I want to go to My-tah," she pouted.

Now, years later, I have thought about that cute "kid-ism" many times.

Yes, it's curious and humorous that the toddler heard "You-tah," and, with her rudimentary language skills, figured it was correct to personalize it and make it hers. "My-tah" made perfect sense to her.

Since that occasion, I've smiled many times as I've remembered my niece's innocent mistake, but I've also seen a bit of wisdom in her error.

In October, I had occasion to return to Utah again, this time to attend the 176th Semi-Annual Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The weather was perfect, sitting with my daughter in the Conference Center was grand, and listening to the words of the prophets and apostles was stirring, so moving, in fact, that I had a "My-Tah" experience of my own.

As I listened, I scribbled a phrase or two in my planner, jotting down what I thought were beautiful and meaningful words of wisdom. Then, just a few talks into the Saturday morning session, I felt as if the speaker was addressing his remarks directly to me. In the wonderful ways in which scripture was explained, principles were taught and direction was given for "you." There were messages that were specifically mine, instructions given for me, and answers to my personal questions.

It seemed as if the entire Conference Center of thousands of people disappeared and the speakers were addressing me directly, with words that pierced my heart, warmed my soul, and reminded me that I have a very personal and loving Savior. My note-taking quickly changed to include a list of action items of lessons I wanted to apply and steps I would to take to improve and progress.

I was thrilled to be in "My-tah," to experience the personal witness of the truthfulness of the messages shared. I'm glad for the opportunity to read the talks, to listen to them on the Internet, to drink again from my own personal well and to put into practice those action items that show, most of all, that I know MY Savior lives.

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By
Scott L. Overstreet, RFC, LUTCF

Do You Have the Right Type?

Life insurance is an amazing product that concerns your money now and the financial security of your family in the future. Yet its usefulness hinges on having the right insurance.

Having spent 17 years in the insurance and financial services industry, I have seen devastating results as individuals play "follow the friend" rather than relying on professional advice. You wouldn't ask a friend who likes to read about dentistry, but who is not a dentist, to pull out your aching tooth. Similarly, when it comes to insurance, don't rely on someone who is not in the business, full-time, to advise you and direct your decisions.

Whether you are 25 or 95, a well-designed risk management program, providing tax-free cash at death, is necessary to protect you, your family, or your business partners.

Whether young, middle-aged or retired, insurance can help to pay estate taxes; keep assets in tact; pay debts; provide continuation of income; provide mortgage payoff; or provide education, mission and wedding funds.

However, since no "one size fits all" and everyone's goals, desires and wants are different, ask yourself:

1. "In the event of my death, what do I want to have happen, what have I done to make it happen and how do I fill in the gaps"?

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By Rachel Faas Trim
The Beehive

Specifically designed by nationally recognized experts in Alzheimer's and Dementia Care, Legacy Village at East Mesa offers top-notch senior care.

"I would gladly recommend Legacy Village at East Mesa to our patients and their families," says Dr. Roy Yaari, neurologist and dementia specialist at the Banner Alzheimer's Institute. "They have a unique, cozy, small-home atmosphere with an excellent staff-to-patient ratio and a full circle approach that addresses the changing needs of their residents."

With its private households situated in "neighborhoods," Legacy Village at East Mesa provides a comfortable environment for residents needing memory care.

Physical renovations have transformed the former Encore Senior Village, at 5037 E. Broadway, to the new center, which now includes lush gardens, walking paths, gazebos, and improvements to the cottages. Legacy Village is a secure community where residents enjoy visiting neighbors and can safely explore the common areas as they please.

The memory-care program itself has been enhanced with an increased focus on social interaction.

"We've taken 'quality of care' to the next level in 'quality of life'," assures Program Director Sherri Mills, RN, MSN.

Quality of Life Specialists (caregivers) in each cottage work with Activity Directors and with each resident to plan activities centered on individual desires and needs. A 5 to 1 ratio of residents to caregivers is better than any other care center in Arizona, allowing for one-on-one quality time for each resident.

Andrew Hoyt, Managing Director of Legacy Senior Management, is a member of the Capitol Ward in the Phoenix Stake. He believes that each employee at the center has a personal reason for working in the care industry.

He explains, "This community is dedicated to each person living their unique legacy. We know our residents and we work to help them live the lifestyle that will make them and their family members happy. As an educational resource in the valley, we train our staff and educate family members and healthcare professionals on how to best care for residents with memory needs."

Legacy Village of East Mesa is nationally recognized and emulated for innovations in all areas of memory care. They work closely with other professionals in the community to ensure a person-centered approach to care.

For information or to schedule a tour, call (480) 924-4073 to contact Susan Kasprak at Legacy Village at East Mesa, or visit their Web site at www.legacyvillageeast.com.

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At the memory-care facility known as Legacy Village at East Mesa, residents can explore the common grounds in a safe and secure environment.

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Rhyme and Reason

By Linda Turley-Hansen

Gratitude Today and Tomorrow

"I was shocked at the level of filth that covers every nook and cranny of the orphanage. There are no flushing toilets—no toilet paper—no cleaning supplies."

This report was from my nephew, Ryan Hansen, whose journey to make a difference led him to Yaoundé, a small orphanage in the second largest city of Cameroon, Africa.

"All food is prepared over a wood fire. There is no running water and no electricity. The children's rooms, bare and sad, lack any sort of comfort except foam mattresses, stained and ruined," he reported.

A year earlier, Ryan volunteered at another orphanage in Loreto, Ecuador, a primitive location with difficult conditions. Still, the award-winning photo journalist was not ready for what he found in Yaoundé. "The orphanage is literally about 10 times more awful than I imagined. The Loreto orphanage is a palace compared to this place," he shared.

For those of us who have not lived in developing countries, these reports serve as a reminder of America's abundance.

There's another story—I know not the author—of a visitor from India whose first experience in America was at an airport terminal. He was awed by its luxury; the free restrooms, hot and cold running water. He watched as Americans rushed on their way to somewhere. "They live in paradise. I wonder if they'll ever know," he said to no one in particular.

Benjamin Franklin said, "Ingratitude is one of the most odious of vices."

Philosophers, world religions and certainly our own prophets and apostles warn of the consequences of ingratitude. Yet we dally in its unfulfilling and dangerous condition, a practice that throws us out of balance and into our constant search for something more.

Perhaps we can learn from Ryan's vantage point. Although we cannot hold his orphans, we can adopt his gratitude—even in bleak circumstances, he sees the good.

"All too often I find myself resenting Africa and the city of Yaoundé," he told me, "and yet, there's warmth, a charm, and a magic that exists in the eyes and smiles of African people that doesn't exist elsewhere in the world. No other people are so at ease in their life, so relaxed and submitted to their fate. They live in the now, they cook today's food, and they sweep today's floors."

He went on to say, "There's something immensely useful about living for today. I have heard it said a thousand times, but few in America seem to be able to follow that good advice."

There is yin and yang in the theory of living just for today. America is great because its founders, and those who followed, were not only forced to live in the moment for their very survival; they also willingly took on the next challenge—a formula critical for improving the lives of future generations. And, today, amid "wars and rumors of wars," we must to do the same. We must be visionary as were others who have gone before.

In *Doctrine & Covenants 82:3* is our warning: "For of him unto whom much is given much is required."

Warm showers, indoor cooking and the freedom to be anything we want can be enjoyed for the day, but we must take it further. Keep in mind; we've also been given the Plan.

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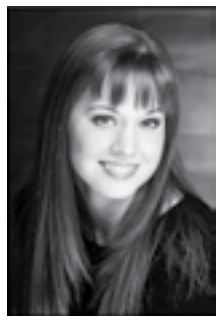
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In The Mommy Zone...

By Kristie Young Fairbanks

"Compulsive Comparative Disorder"

The other day, I spied three of my young sons, ages eight, eleven and thirteen, posing in front of their bathroom mirror, sans shirts, trying to show off their best muscle poses to each other. The oldest, the teenager of the trio, brought his arms up towards the ceiling in an ominous pose, straining with all of his might to bulge his immature and growing muscles for his two younger siblings to examine and admire.

"But I have bigger muscles," the eleven-year-old quipped, steadying his arms and legs into a more peculiar and forbidding muscular stance than his older brother. "See?" he groaned as his face turned bright crimson from the exertion and strain of his pose.

The youngest of the threesome wanted to join in the muscle demonstration too, so he clasped his fists together high atop of his head and gritted his teeth in a most fearsome way, growling like some kind of wild animal.

I had to stifle a chuckle as I secretly viewed their amusing displays of manliness, noting their skinny frames, freckled faces and humorous obsessions towards acquiring a "six pack," of which I later learned is a muscular trait, and not just a term for six cans of soda adjoined by some plastic rings.

My three sons' masculine comparisons of each other's flourishing muscles gave me cause for reflection and speculation. This wasn't the first time they had compared themselves to each other. In fact, their scrutiny of each other had delved into several realms.

They frequently sought to seek who was the better reader, writer, piano player, sports hero, bike rider, Cub Scout and math expert. They investigated who was the fastest, most accurate, most versatile and best at a variety of different skills and achievements. Their comparisons of each other happened on a regular basis in our home.

Actually, the more I thought about it, the more I concluded that this comparison phenomenon didn't just occur in our home and family, but that this "Compulsive Comparative Disorder," as I called it, happened everywhere, in every home, in every family.

As a wife, woman and mother, I have often found even myself exhibiting some symptoms of "Compulsive Comparative Disorder." As women, we seem to daily encounter other females who are thinner, brighter, taller, shorter, younger, richer, smarter, more organized, and better cooks or seamstresses than we are. We always find someone who appears more skillful and adept in some realm in which we rate ourselves as women, caregivers and homemakers.

But by comparing ourselves to other women and deciding where we fit into the hierarchy of proficiency, we do ourselves a disservice and cause undo disintegration of our own self-worth.

There will always be someone who can do something better than we can. Chronically comparing ourselves to others is a harmful habit that can wear on our personal relationships. It can damage the delicate persona of who we are and obscure the way we view ourselves.

To me, it seems illogical to pick out certain criterion and to conclude that somehow we are deficient or lacking as human beings. Rather than contracting "Chronic Comparative Disorder," which is so contagious to women these days, our solution may be to compare ourselves with ourselves, rather than to others.

When we surrender our tendencies towards this infectious disease, we can be in charge of our own self-worth and affirmation, claiming our own richness and blessings as unique and special individuals, freeing ourselves from the approval of others.

As I continued to spy on my three young sons' muscle ritual, I began to see them in an entirely new light. A flood of emotions ran through me as I envisioned each of them as dynamically separate and extraordinary beings, reassessing each of their incomparable personalities and glorious differences in turn.

I couldn't help but to step inside that bathroom and strike a pose myself, which immediately produced a sudden and audible gasp from the trio.

"Mom has muscles?" they gasped. "Who knew?"

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